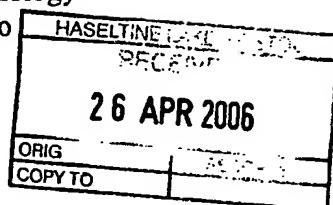




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Dear Sirs

Patents Act 1977: Request for further search fee

Latest date for reply:

26 June 2006

As a result of the amendment which was filed on 23 March 2006, I will need to carry out a further search, for which a fee is payable under Section 18(1A).

By the above date, you should **either** file a further Form 9A/77 and appropriate fee or amend the application to make the further search unnecessary, **or** explain why you consider the further search fee should not be paid. I have deferred further examination until I hear from you. However, you should be aware that the statement of claims comprises an inordinate number of independent claims (14) and may well include a plurality of inventions. Your attention is directed to paragraph 1 of my previous report entitled "**Code of Practice for patent applicants and agents**".

Yours faithfully


Mike Walker
Examiner

